

DDD DISTRICT NORTH  
INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT  
COMMITTEE

Division of Developmental Disabilities

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## INCIDENT REPORTS 2020

January	Open	72
	Closed	373
February	Open	73
	Closed	604
March.	Open	50
	Closed	539
April	Open	49
	Closed	261
May.	Open	38
	Closed	242
June	Open	77
	Closed	317

Total :	Open	369
	Closed	2,336
	Total.	2,705

AT LEAST 1,863 IR's NOT DISTRIBUTED FOR REVIEW

## BEHAVIOR PLANS

District North was sent 257 Behavior Plans ( although NOT ALL WERE DELIVERED )  
thus not reviewed

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1. The HRC repeatedly reviews Behavior Treatment Plans and Incident Reports which address instances of sexual assault ( both of victims and perpetrators ), inappropriate touching ,disrobing or exposure in public ,and public masturbation. As sexuality is a normal human expression it is necessary that DDD members are allowed to express themselves in an appropriate manner. A comprehensive sex Ed program such as that used in Maine [digitalcommons.usm.maine.edu](http://digitalcommons.usm.maine.edu) would be appropriate as it is appropriate for all levels of comprehension and has been successful in many states as well as being strongly supported by members families  
. A program which taught such information was , in the past , a normal part of the Behavior Plans .
2. There continues to be a need for guardians to protect individuals who have severe cognitive disability .
3. Dental care is lacking for DDD members and extraction is most often the choice of treatment after years of neglect. Lack of appropriate dental care is a health threat and the cause of chronic pain in those unable to communicate. We urge full funding of dental care.
4. Housing support for high functioning individuals who need assistance for physical care but are otherwise independent is necessary. These individuals are often housed with severely behavioral individuals or in individual homes where a normal interaction with the community is difficult to obtain. We are aware of support for particular ( higher functioning autism spectrum individuals) groups and look forward to the DDD committing to the same attention to high functioning individuals with physical disabilities.
5. Once again the HRC reiterates the need for a Step Down Facility for DDD members who have been in mental health facilities , in hospital , or have undergone medication changes to allow transition time with supervision

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6. Providers are ever more frequently utilizing law enforcement for behaviors addressed in the BTP rather than following the interventions described in the BTP.
7. Involving law enforcement in this situation violates both the intention of the BTP and is an inappropriate use of public resources for the benefit of a private entity.
8. The suppression of minimum wage and underfunding of DDD providers by the State of Arizona has caused difficulty in hiring and retaining appropriate , skilled , and dependable workers for group homes and has caused providers to flee Flagstaff. Increase of statewide minimum wage and increased payment for providers as is necessary to the safety and proper supervision , protection, and improvement of quality of life for all members.
9. The IOC did not receive Incident Reports from May to November. A total of 1823 (perhaps more) were NOT reviewed for rights violations in a timely manner.
10. The IOC is extremely concerned about the fact that IR's having to do with COVID infection or deaths DO NOT INCLUDE THE PROVIDER OR THE RESIDENCE . This prevents the independent legally mandated oversight to occur .